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The Honourable Sandy Silver, Premier of Yukon

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Dear Premier Silver and Minister Frost;

Thank you for all your hard work and dedication to Yukoners. We appreciate your efforts to keep our people healthy and our Territory safe and stable, during this frightening time.

The purpose of this letter is to request that Yukon Government direct Environment Yukon to withdraw the remaining three proposed Wildlife Act regulation changes requiring public consultation, until such time as the national / local health emergency caused by COVID-19 has been fully resolved.

There are still three proposed regulation changes currently being reviewed by Yukon Fish and Wildlife Management Board (YFWMB) from the process started in Fall of 2019. After the initial release, these three proposed changes were removed from the package of 2019 regulation changes reviewed and submitted by the YFWMB to the Minister due to their controversial nature. Subsequently, the Environment Yukon undertook a rewrite of the three contentious proposals and the Minister also requested a 30-day extension for the process.

The revised proposals were presented, largely unchanged, to the YFWMB in January 2020. In early March, a 90-day public consultation period extension was announced by the YFWMB thereby stretching consultation and the process to at least May 15th. This action on their part was unprecedented and underscores the magnitude of concern on the part of the public with regard to these controversial proposals.

In the midst the COVID-19 health crisis, the public meetings scheduled after Environment Yukon's re-release of the moose proposals have been postponed until further notice, and now public meetings are not possible and are unsafe for a period of months. While we note that the YFWMB has continued to try to consult through online methods, these online methods are

inadequate and inappropriate given the current situation. As such through no one's fault, the new process has become unworkable.

In light of the above, we respectfully request that Environment Yukon withdraw the outstanding moose proposals until the next regulation change cycle, which will effectively bring YFWMB's extended ongoing regulation change consultation process to an end.

The COVID-19 pandemic has Yukoner's concerned enough without causing worry for licensed moose hunters especially as wild game harvesting is important for food security at this uncertain time.

Thanks for considering our request at this important time.

Good luck,



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